



That Hurts!

Student Handout

Name _____

Preventable Collision 1

A group of middle school students were horsing around on their way home from school. Waiting for the light to change at an intersection, Tom stepped backward into the street to keep from being whacked on the head with a biology book. Just then a car made a right-hand turn and hit him with its bumper. The impact threw the student into the air and onto the curb. A dental surgeon repaired and implanted his front teeth. An orthopedic surgeon repaired his leg and pelvic bones.

Transportation _____

Preventable Collision 2

The brothers were only three blocks from home. Hugh had finished arguing with his brother about whether to tune in to KNRK or KISN and was just fastening his seat belt when his brother Alan swerved into the other lane to avoid a squirrel. They hit an oncoming vehicle. There were three crashes within less than two seconds: the two vehicles slamming together, Alan's head slamming against the windshield and his internal organs slamming against his skeletal structure. For the most part, the scars on his skull and forehead don't show, but even after three months, he is wearing a neck brace and is still in serious pain.

Transportation _____

Preventable Collision 3

The front wheel of Tom's vehicle slipped into the pavement expansion joint on the Morrison Bridge just past the entrance to the I-75 freeway. He was thrown off, but luckily not into traffic. Unfortunately, Tom's head bounced against the pavement. Because of his bruises and facial swelling, his parents didn't recognize him at the emergency room.

Transportation _____

Preventable Collision 4

Susan spotted her friend waiting at the station on the opposite side of the street. She darted across the tracks. The operator did not have time to warn her or apply the brakes. You don't want to know the details.

Transportation _____

Preventable Collision 5

Samantha thought that jumping the curb wasn't a big deal until a nurse had to pick the gravel out of her kneecap and shin. Over the next few weeks the wound stuck to the inside of her jeans, the shower water stung like an acid burn and the whole wound cracked open and started to seep when she bent down to put her clothes in the dryer.

Transportation _____

